

Walking With Jesus On The Way To The Cross (Mark 9:30-32)

Proposition: Every child of God can draw disciple strengthening lessons from walking with Jesus on the way to the Cross by following the four imperatives that are found in this text.

- I. **Be Aware of His Passing** (Vs. 30)
 - A. His Passing by the Saturated (Vs. 30b)
 - B. His Passing by in Silence (Vs. 30c)
- II. **Be Assured of His Perception** (Vs. 31)
 - A. His Perception of a True Disciple (Vs. 31a)
 - B. His Perception of a Treacherous Deceiver (Vs. 31b)
- III. **Be Accepting of His Path** (Vs. 31)
 - A. A Conceding Path (Vs. 31c)
 - B. A Conquering Path (Vs. 31d)
- IV. **Be Advised of Our Perspective** (Vs. 32)
 - A. An Unclear Perspective (Vs. 32a)
 - B. An Uneasy Perspective (Vs. 32b)

Walking w/ Jesus On the way to the Cross
(Mk 9: 30-32) - The Via Dolorosa is the name of a street in the Old City of Jerusalem that is traditionally held as to be the path that Jesus walked on his way to Calvary's Crucifixion. The name is Latin for the way of Grief or Way of suffering. Although Jesus may well have walked that very road to Golgotha as known, yet his first step towards the cross was not on the Via Dolorosa but here in our text. Jesus was now leaving the safety of the north country toward a breaching fresh storm that awaited him in Jerusalem. It is now that Jesus teaching is more + more explicit and revealing. In these final days every word is important.

I. Be Aware of His Passing (Vs 3) It would be very easy to gloss over verse 30, but every word of God is important. Notice how Jesus passes thru Galilee. His passing says volumes

A. His Passing by the Saturation (Vs 30b)
If you search the first 8 chapters of Mark you will find the word Galilee mentioned 8 times. Jesus was in and out of

Galilee time and time again, preaching and working miracles. Galilee was saturated with proofs his power and ability. In his final pass there was no final altar call, No 12 stanzas of Just as I am. He slipped thru unnoticed. Never

that sit on these pews and become Jaded + Hardened

B. His Passing by in Silence (Vs 30c) -

Silently and quietly, their last chance passed by. He did not trumpet his final call. He did not render an Ultimatum! I am reminded of what the apostle Paul said in Rom 1:28. There were no flashing lights, No sounding sirens.

Dr. Moody witnessed to a friend for years + years. Moody was called in the final hours of his life. He expected to lead him to Lord. But No, ^{some} ^{where} ^{else} ^{negotiate}

II. Be Assured of His Perception (Vs 31)

Christ the omniscient God saw the hearts of every one of the men that followed Him. His perception is revealed in these verses.

A. His Perception of a True Disciple (Vs 32)

Like I said there are Jesus first steps toward the Cross. Time is of the utmost importance. His teachings must be engrained upon the hearts of His disciples. Barclay wrote The surrounding Galilee may not have been interested, but Jesus saw 11 hearts that desired to know and follow him. Jesus was more than willing to oblige. I think of all the times when I have been at church hearing more ^{But greatest is the one on}

B. His Perception of a Treacherous Deceiver (Vs 36)

Jesus not only saw the sponge like hearts of his disciples he also saw the heart of the deceiver. The greek language suggest that

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2) Romans 1:28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind...

3) ...Barclay wrote: Any teacher can leave behind him a series of propositions but Jesus...had to leave behind him a band of persons on whom these propositions were written.

1) ... word is important and we by the luxury of having God's word
can listen to his important teaching. Every child of God can
draw out his own lessons from what he hears on
the way to his home following the true path that
has been laid out.

2) Romans 7:5 And now as they did not like to turn God in their
knowledge, God gave them over to a depraved mind.

3) ... thereby we can see that the teacher can have control over a series of

1) To God's will. 1 Corinthians 15:31 ...I die daily. Galatians 2:20 I
am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ
liveth in me... Galatians 6:14 ...the world is crucified unto me,
and I unto the world.

Jesus was to be given alongside to be handed over to someone else. Another like this phrase "to sell down the river" to now delivered. Jesus gives announcing his betrayal. This could even be seen as a warning to Judas. It could also be a last appeal to one hatching a plan of betrayal.

III. Be Accepting of His Path (Vs 31)

Here in this verse Jesus once again reveals to his disciples what lies ahead. Not a throne but thorns, not a crown but a cross, Not a coronation but a crucifixion.

A. A Conceding Path (Vs 31c) - The last time this was mentioned to the disciples, it brought out the denial in Peter. Die? Die? No, Lord not so. You're going to be on a throne! Why you're going to defeat Rome and I'll be your right hand man. But Jesus had conceded to the plan and will of God. He had submitted his will unto the purposes of God. God's plan does not always match our tastes. Yet we must concede to God!

B. A Conquering Path (Vs 31d) - Being conceding to God's path and his wisdom and ability always leads up in victory. If we will have our crucifixion to God's will, we will have our resurrection! The greatest victory was hatched out of the greatest suffering. I can't begin to relay the extent of internal anguish I went through before synthesizing the preach.

But Christ told that death to self and further more

IV. Be Advised of Our Perspective.

These poor disciples. Jesus is emphasizing an important point, a vital one. And yet for now they just aren't able to put it together.

A. An Unclear Perspective (Vs 32a) -

They just didn't understand. They were aware of the ~~an~~ atmosphere of tragedy that would surround future events but "but rise from the dead?" What is he talking about? Have you ever been listening for God to speak through the word, prayer, church or counsel. I know God's trying to say something to me I just don't know what it is. That's where these guys were. When I was a kid dad said, "I don't need to

B. An Uneasy Perspective (Vs 32b) -

They were afraid to ask. Jesus once again is painting a bleak picture of the future. When it came to knowing more details they refused to ask anything else. The author describes them "as men who knew so much they were afraid they were afraid to know more." You can't get more plan than what Jesus has said. And yet they stand there puzzled. Our minds have the ability to reject what they do not want to see. ^{Scripture} Illustration

V. Closing

In a way every disciple is on their own Via Dolorosa. God's will for our lives. While the Master walks his let us follow in his steps. Be aware of his ^{outline}